



# ***Build Green Now***

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***Eco-Entrepreneurship Training Collaboration***

**Date:** December 14, 2022

**From:** Henry Gage Jr.,

**To:** Mosaic Governance Assembly  
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**Subject:** Letter of Support for Sustainable Hudson Valley's Mosaic RFP Application

Dear Project Director Katie Robinson,

Eco-Entrepreneurship Training is a collaboration focused on expanding the workforce development pipeline in Hudson Valley, NY, by addressing related needs: affordable housing, affordable energy and food security. All must be strengthened in unison because each supports the other.

Build Green Now is the team that built New York's first hempcrete retrofit and was part of the team that obtained International Code Council Residential Building Code Approval for using hemp as a building material (insulation). For 2023 we need help to move from cultivation to harvest.

In Hudson Valley, New York, Sustainable Hudson Valley (SHV), has created opportunities for the Build Green Now team to meet people who have common interests in and passion for building the regenerative economy. SHV's work improves the efficiency of our efforts by discovering and alerting our team of potential collaboration partners.

We support Sustainable Hudson Valley's funding request and welcome their regional collaboration and grant application services. One of the benefits we anticipate is SHV navigating lists of grant opportunities that benefit partners in our network and assisting with the application process.

The community values a strong regional leader focused on grants for multiple collaborations. Most partner organizations are focused on details of the work that caused them to plant seeds. They value networking and marketing for the benefit of regional partners where they create mixers and gatherings for independent organizations to find and cultivate network partners (match-making).

In 2023 our collaboration partners are: [Energy Conservation Services, Inc.](#), [GreenWay](#), [Nubian Directions](#), [Unfettered Arts](#), [Seed Song Farm](#), and St. Mark's AME Church (w/ [Cho Shields Studio](#)). Visit [Build Green Now](#) to see our Eco-Entrepreneurship Roadmap and read stories about the work.

Regards,

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